

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Appl. No. To be Assigned

Group:

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Examiner:

For: PROCESS FOR PREPARING R-(-)-CARNITINE FROM S-(-)-
CHLOROSUCCINIC ACID OR FROM A DERIVATIVE THEREOF

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November 20, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for
examination, please amend the application as follows: